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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Brian K. Dieckgraefe)
Serial No.)
Filed: December 19, 2000) Atty. Dkt. No. 04255.00002

For: GENE MARKERS FOR CHRONIC MUCOSAL INJURY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examining the continuation application which is
filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 2 and 3 insert:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/146,969, filed September 4, 1998,
pending.--

IN THE CLAIMS

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Cancel claims 1-3 and 13. ✓✓✓

REMARKS

The present application is directed to claims 4-12 and 14-76.

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